thyristors of 55 mm and 75 mm diameter has been established in the country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, UPS market is now being catered to by local manufacturers based on indigenous and imported designs. With the advent of new improved designs, local manufacturers are being encouraged for tying up with collaborators to meet the growing demand.

Stagnation in the Cadre of Section Officers

2890. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute stagnation in the cadre of Section Officers and officers of the 1981 batch are waiting for promotion;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the promotion orders are issued every month against whatever little vacancies are available, instead of waiting for several months;

(c) whether Government also propose to prepare a panel of 20 officers, followed by another one, before the first one expires; and

(c) whether the number of promotions is proposed to be increased, by allowing the officers holding G.C.S. posts to continue on promotion in CSS and give the resultant vacancy to next candidate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) A large number of the Section Officers included in the Select List 1981 are waiting for promotion as Under Secretary on ad-hoc basis. Appropriate action is taken to fill up the vacancies occurring in the Under Secretary's Grade keeping in view the functional requirements.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) The officers of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) holding cadre posts of Under Secretary are not to be considered for ad-hoc promotion to grade I of the CSS. All other officers including those on deputation are considered for ad-hoc promotion to Grade I of the CSS.

Foiling Pak attempts to subvert Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir

2891. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army had foiled yet another attempt by Pakistan to subvert the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, by arresting a number of Hizbul Mujahideen and hardcore militants and recovering huge quantities of arms on the election eve and repulsing a group of Pak-infiltrators; and

(b) if so, the details of similar other moves by militants and Pak forces in Jammu and Kashmir, during August—September, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS: (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Pakistan and its protege militant groups made all possible efforts, including attempts to infiltrate armed terrorists into the State, to try and subvert and disrupt the process of the Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir. It is not feasible to pinpoint any particular operation of the Army to foil such designs. Coordinated arrangements and sustained efforts were made by the State Government and all the Security Forces and agencies to ensure that such designs are not allowed to succeed. As a result, the Assembly elections in the State were conducted largely peacefully.

During the period August-September, 1996, 265 militants were killed, 164 were arrested and large quantity of weapons including inter-alia, 422 rifles, 184 pistols, 768 grenades and a sizeable quantity of explosives and ammunition were recovered from the militants.

Oil fields and gas fields handed over to private parties

2892. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of discovered oil/gas fields of ONGC and OIL contracted to foreign/Indian private parties, wholly or partly (joint venture), during the last five years;

(b) the money invested by ONGC and OIL on these fields before handling over the same;

(c) the production sharing formula between OIL/ONGC and the private parties;

(d) the mode of recovery of development cost by OIL and ONGC; and

(e) the mode of recovery of exploration and development cost by the private parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) during the last five years Government of India has approved award of contracts for development of 30 discovered oil & gas fields by Indian/foreign private companies. Contracts have been signed for 18 fields.

(b) ONGC and OIL had invested Rs. 1045.83 crores on the 18 fields, for which contracts have been signed.

(c) In case of medium sized fields the production is shared between OIL/ ONGC and private parties in the ratio of 40:60. For small-sized fields, ONGC/OIL have no participating interest.

(d) and (e) The amount of development cost will be recovered as per the annual production allocated towards the cost recovery in the bids submitted by the companies and will be shared between the companies according to their Participating Interest.

Enron Project

2893. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the renewed contract between the Enron and the Maharashtra Government; and

(b) whether any study has been made on the impact of increase in the price of electricity in the second stage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The key details of the revised Power Purchase Agreement for Dabhol Power Project as intimated by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) are:—

i. Capital cost is reduced to Rs. 8032 Crores (with regasification plant) from earlier Rs. 9030 crores.

ii. Exportable capacity of Phase-I & Phase-II will be 740 MW & 1444 MW instead of 695 MW & 1320 MW respectively, in the old agreement.

iii. For Phase-I Naphtha will be used as primary fuel and after commissioning of Phase-II, LNG will be the primary fuel.

iv. MSEB or its nominee will take part in Dabhol Power Company (DPC) equity upto 30%.

v. Foreign currency linkage is reduced to 40% for Phase-I and 70% for Phase-II instead of 95% in old agreement.

vi. Capital recovery charge rise at the rate of 4% for Phase-I will be applicable only for the period till Phase II is commissioned.

vii. Provision for additional environmental safeguard in addition to the penal action for violation of pollution standards are incorporated.

(b) MSEB has intimated that as the cost of Phase-II is reduced, there is no rise in the price of electricity.

राज्यों को केन्द्रीय सहायता में कमी किया जाना

2894. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1993-94, 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान वार्षिक योजनाओं के अंतर्गत विभिन्न राज्यों को कितनी केन्द्रीय सहायता राशि की मंजूरी दी गई थी;

(ख) राज्यों को बकाया राशि के कारण मूल राशि से कितनी राशि कम की गई थी;

(ग) क्या ऐसी कटौतियों के विरुद्ध गुजरात सहित कतिपय राज्यों से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार चालू वर्ष और आगामी वर्षों के दौरान इस कटौती नीति को जारी रखने का विचार रखती है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के. अलघ): (क) वर्ष 1993-94, 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों को